

The Human Genome Epidemiology Network (HuGE Net)

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"Welcome to the Genomics Era"

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The screenshot shows the Genovations website as it appeared in early 2004. The browser window is titled "Genovations- Predictive Genomics - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "http://www.genovations.com". The website header features the "GENOVATIONS™" logo with the tagline "Predictive Genomics for Personalized Medicine". A sidebar on the left lists navigation options: "Overview", "For Patients", "For Clinicians", "Lab Tests", "Education", and "Resources". The main content area has a red background on the left and a white background on the right. The white section contains the headline "Genovations™ is the advent of truly personalized healthcare." followed by a paragraph about harnessing genomic science. Below this is another paragraph about predictive genomic profiles and a bulleted list of benefits. A "LATEST NEWS" box on the right lists "Press Release", "CNBC/Health Network feature", and "Sign Up for More". At the bottom of the main content area is a photograph of Genovations product boxes. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open applications: Internet Explorer, Ideas for Genomics, Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft PowerPoint, and My Computer. The system clock shows 8:16 PM.

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Genovations™ is the advent of truly personalized healthcare.

By harnessing the ingenuity of new breakthroughs in genomic science with the power of preventive biomedicine, Genovations™ offers an innovative, advanced health care model for more effectively preventing and treating chronic disease.

Our predictive genomic profiles assess genetic variations in each person that, when combined with modifiable factors in the environment, may increase disease risk. This empowers physicians and patients to realize:

- Earlier, more effective preventive interventions—years before disease develops
- Precise, customized therapies that truly address each individual's needs
- Improved clinical insight into patients with treatment-resistant "chronic" conditions

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Personalized Genetic Testing

Your genes.
Your health.
Your choices.

- 1. DECIDE**
if genetic testing is right for you
- 2. ORDER**
a test online through DNA Direct
- 3. DISCOVER**
the results from your Personal Report

"Information is power... [testing] was not something that came from an edict from my insurance company or my doctor. It came from my own curiosity about my body and my health.... And for me, having more information is better."

— Andrew Zolli, [Marketplace](#) on National Public Radio

Benefits of Testing

Some genetic conditions can be prevented or treated.

Private Test Results

Our tests are quality-assured and completely confidential.

What You'll Learn

Learn practical steps to improve your health. Get info for your doctors and

How It Works

Testing is as easy as 1-2-3. Walk through our easy home-test process.

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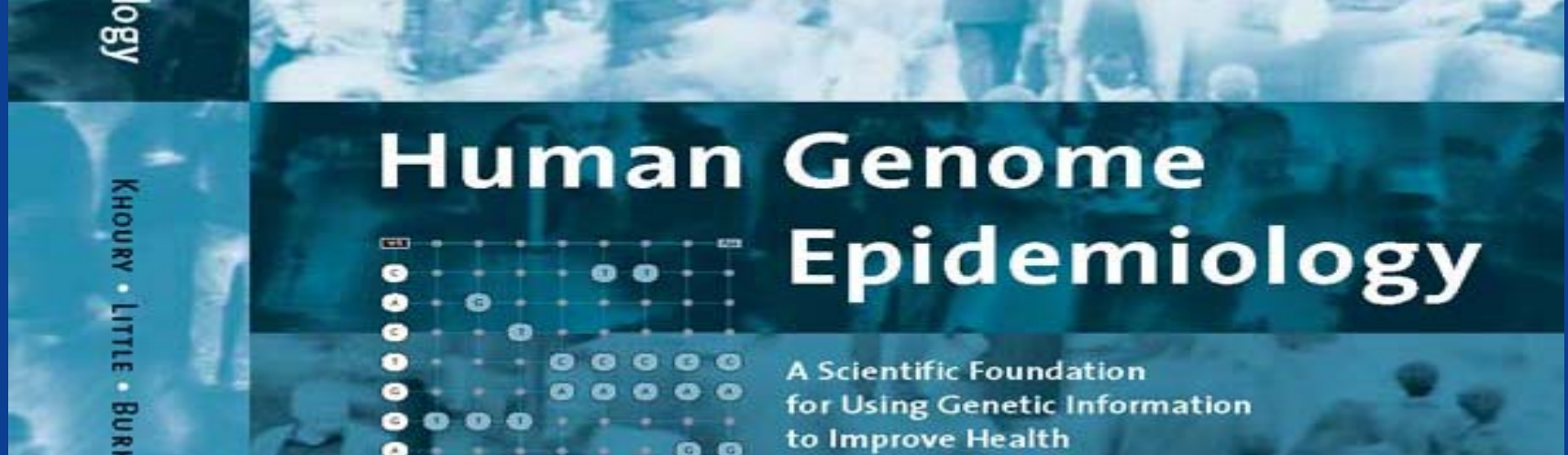
Gene-Based Medicine in 2010?

“Hypothetical Genetic Test Report”

• Condition	Genes	RR	Lifetime
• Prostate Ca	HPC1, 2, 3	0.4	7%
• Alzheimer's	APOE,FAD3,XAD	0.3	10%
• Heart disease	APOB,CETP	2.5	70%
• Colon Cancer	FCC4,APC	4.0	23%
• Lung Cancer	NAT2	6.0	40%

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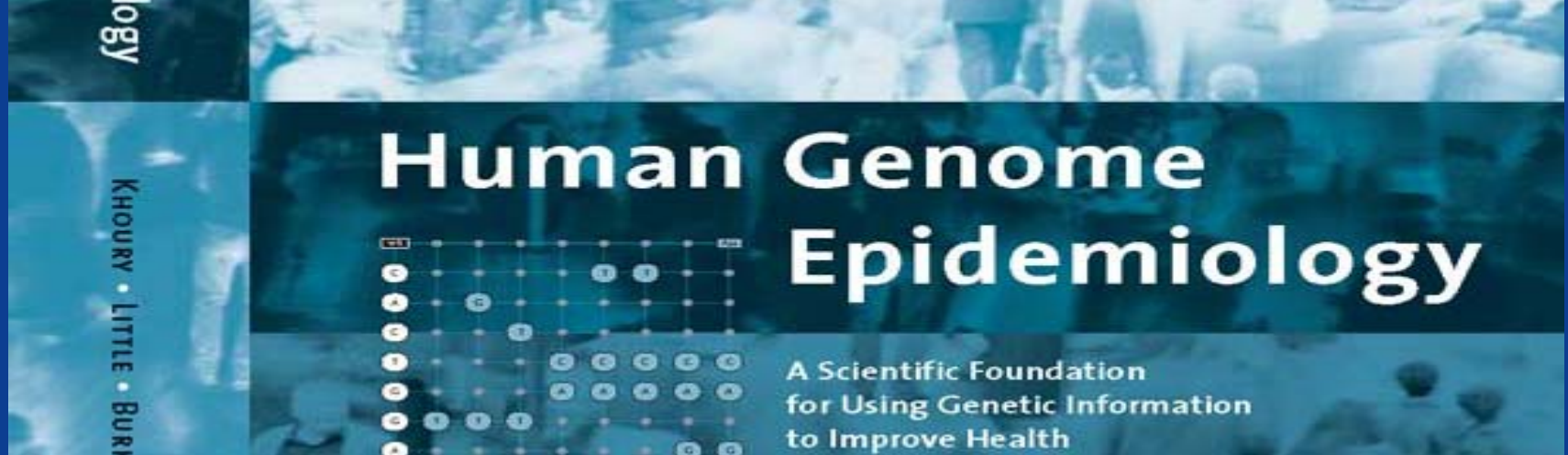




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- Genotype prevalence
- Gene - disease association
- Gene - gene interactions
- Gene - environment interactions
- Assessment of Genetic tests



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HuGE problem:
25,000 genes, their combinations and interactions with risk factors

The End of Black Box Epidemiology?

Risk Factors

Demographics

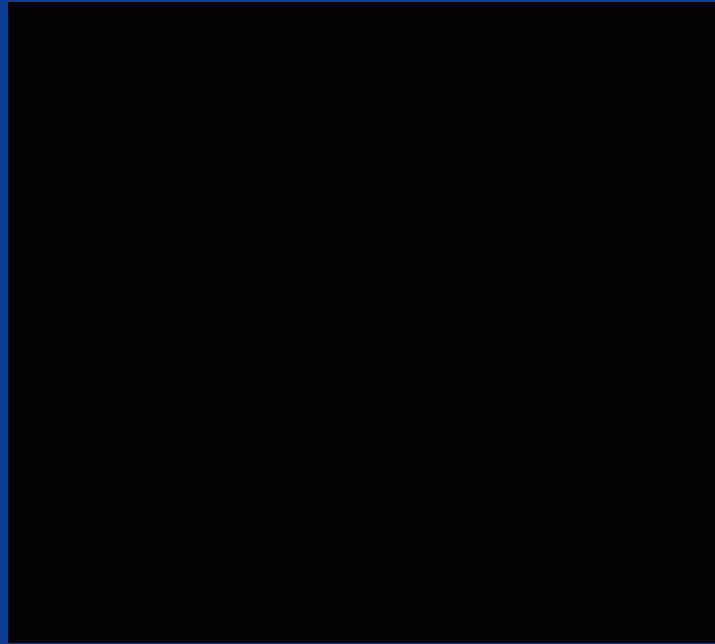
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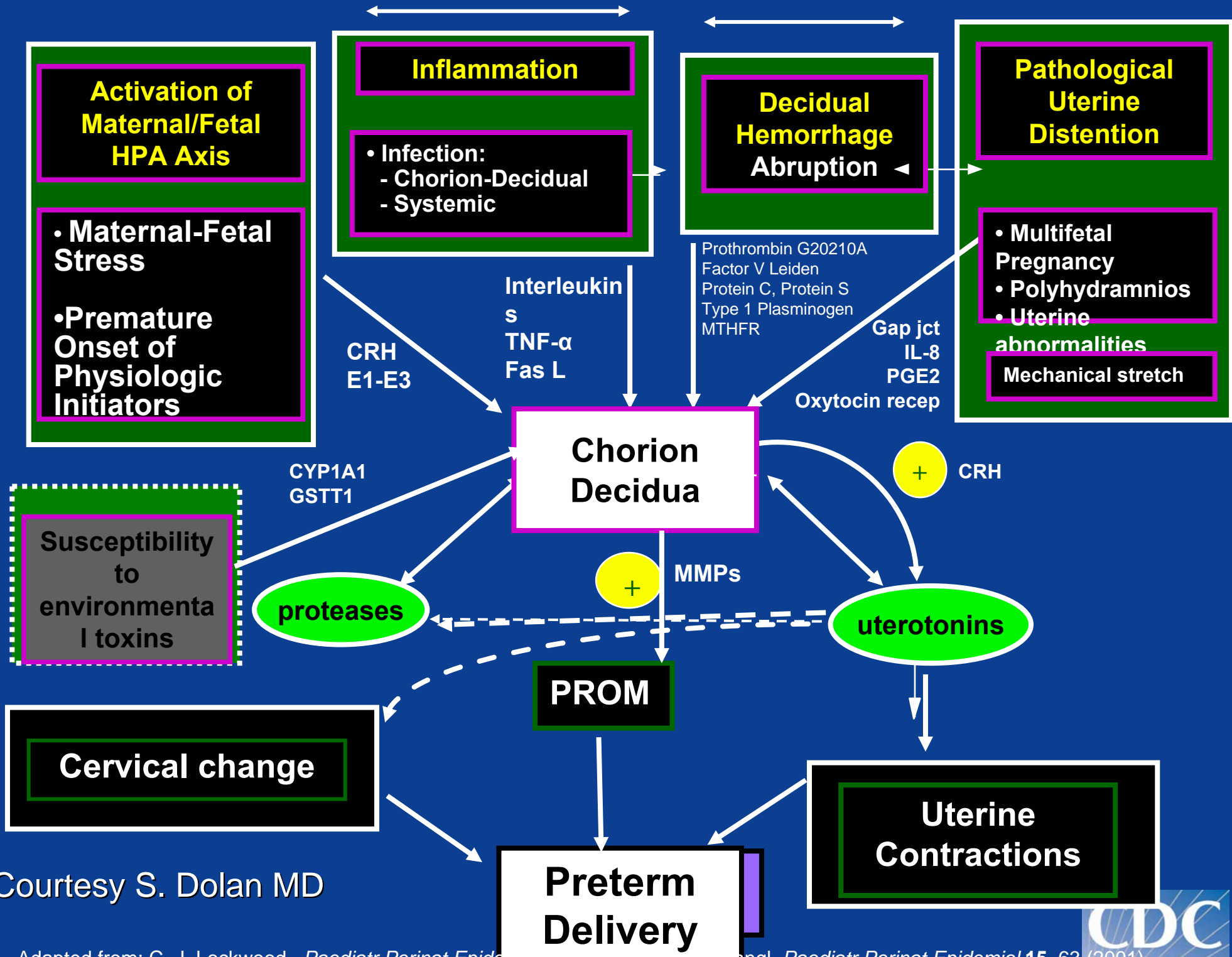
Smoking

Alcohol

Environment



**Adverse
Health
Outcomes**



Courtesy S. Dolan MD

From HuGE Research to Synthesis & Dissemination for Policy and Practice

Primary HuGE Research
Agenda and Funding

Study Design
Single studies
(case-control,
cohort
biobanks)
Consortia

Implementation

Candidate gene selection
Risk factor data
Outcome data

Identify

Knowledge gaps
Methodologic
problems
Research Priorities

Analysis: G-G, G-E

Interpretation

Causal inference
Risk estimation

Dissemination

Appraisal
(Single study)

Synthesis

Reviews
Meta-analysis

**Policy &
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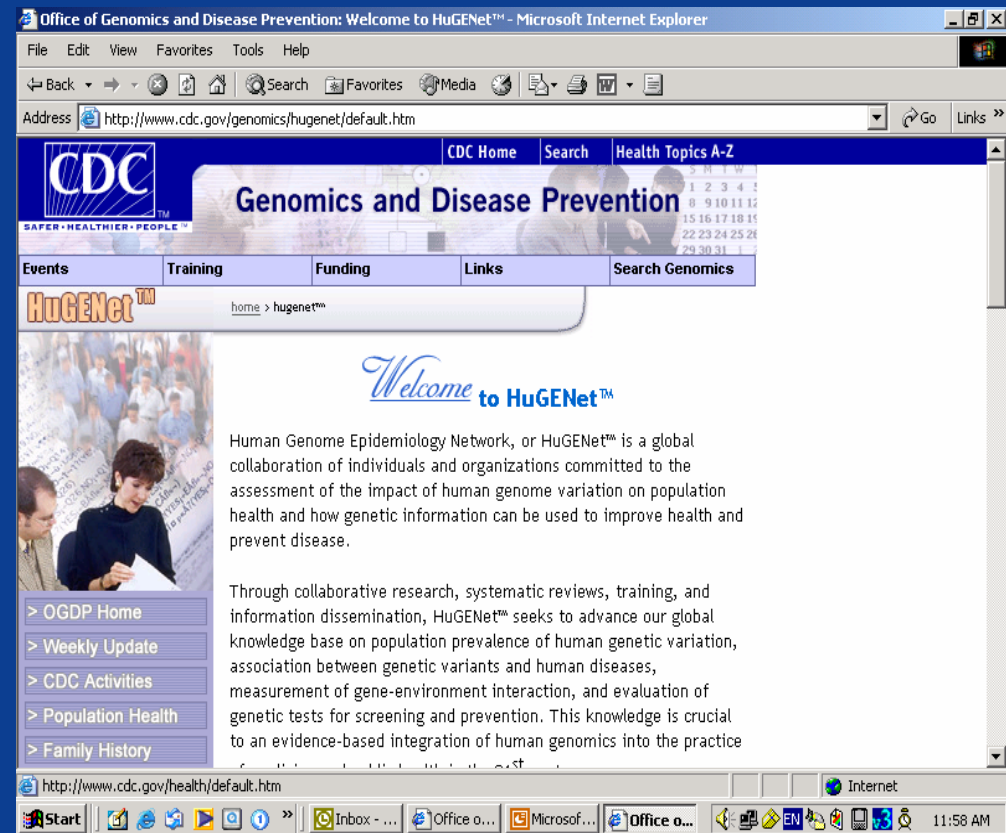
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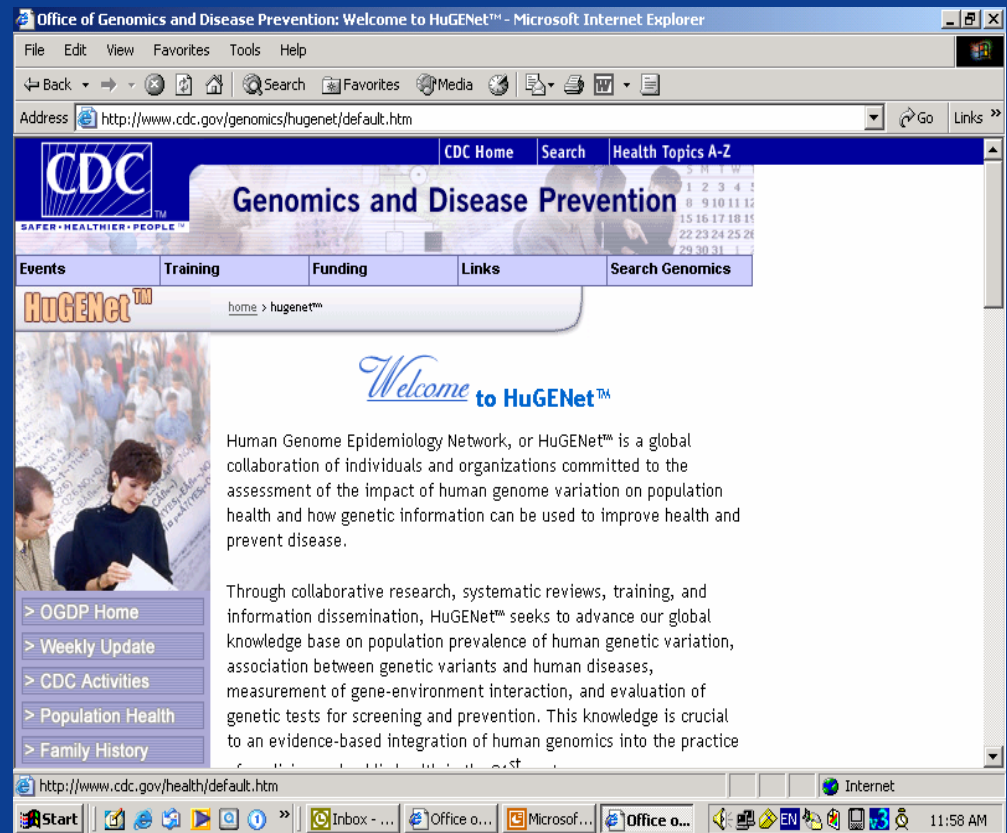
Human Genome Epidemiology Network (HuGE Net)

- Global collaboration of individuals and organizations to assess population impact of genomics and how it can be used to improve health and prevent disease (~700 collaborators, 43 countries)



Human Genome Epidemiology Network (HuGE Net)

- Information Exchange
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Knowledge Base Development
- Information Dissemination
- Policy Development



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HuGE Net Products

(as of January 10, 2005)

• Reviews	33
• Fact sheets	13
• E-journal clubs	53
• Case studies	4
• Genotype Prevalence Database	13
• Methods workshop/guidelines	2
• Training workshops	6
• Book	1
• Published Literature Database	14,127
– # Genes	1710
– # Risk Factors	559
– # Outcomes	1797

HuGE Reviews

“Systematic Reviews of Gene-Disease Associations”

- Full Reviews
 - Abstract
 - Gene
 - Gene variants Prevalence
 - Disease/Health outcome
 - Associations
 - Interactions
 - Laboratory Tests
 - Population Testing and other applications
 - Recommendations for further research
- Mini-Reviews
- Gene-Disease Association Reviews
- Prevalence Reviews



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HUMAN GENOME EPIDEMIOLOGY (HuGE) REVIEW

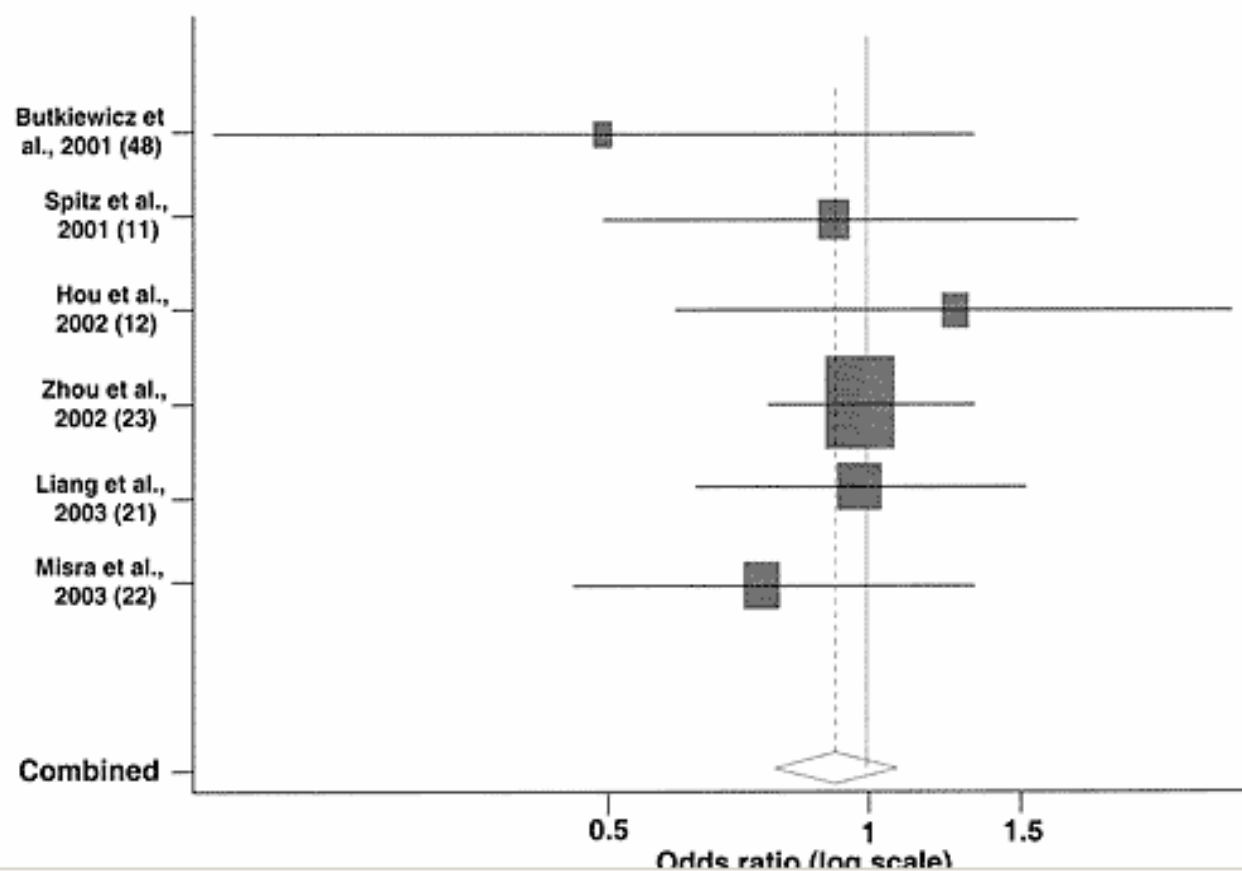
ERCC2/XPD Gene Polymorphisms and Lung Cancer: A HuGE Review

Simone Benhamou^{1,2} and Alain Sarasin²

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Figure 2: Odds ratios for the relation between the *Asp / Asn* genotype of the xeroderma pigmentosum group D *Asp 312 Asn* gene polymorphism (vs. the *Asp / Asp* genotype) and lung cancer risk. For each study, the odds ratio estimate is plotted with a box; the area of each box is inversely proportional to the estimated effect's variance in the study. Diamond, pooled odds ratio; horizontal lines, 95% confidence interval.



HuGE Reviews by Topic

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- Cancer 13
- Cardiovascular 4
- Birth Defects 4
- Single Gene Ds 4
- Exposures 3
- Others 5

Systematic Reviews of Gene-Disease Associations: GDP Info: Oct 2000-Aug 2004

Category	Number	%
Cancer	34	23.9
Cardiovascular diseases	27	19.0
Mental Health	25	17.6
Neurologic diseases	12	8.5
Osteoporosis	6	4.2
Pregnancy/Reproduction	5	3.5
Infectious diseases (all HIV)	4	2.8
Diabetes	3	2.1
Autoimmune diseases	3	2.1
Obesity	2	1.4
Arthritis	2	1.4
Asthma	2	1.4



Genomics and Disease Prevention Information System (GDPIInfo)

GDPIInfo is a searchable database of documents available on the Office of Genomics and Disease Prevention's (OGDP) Web site as well as links to relevant documents on other sites.

Try it! Search by

Gene

Disease

Interactive Factor



What is in GDPIInfo?

- fact sheets
- reviews
- case studies
- published literature
- online presentations
- books and book chapters
- materials from conferences and workshops

Why GDPIInfo?

To provide access to information and resources for guiding public health research, policy, and practice on using genetic information to improve health and prevent disease.

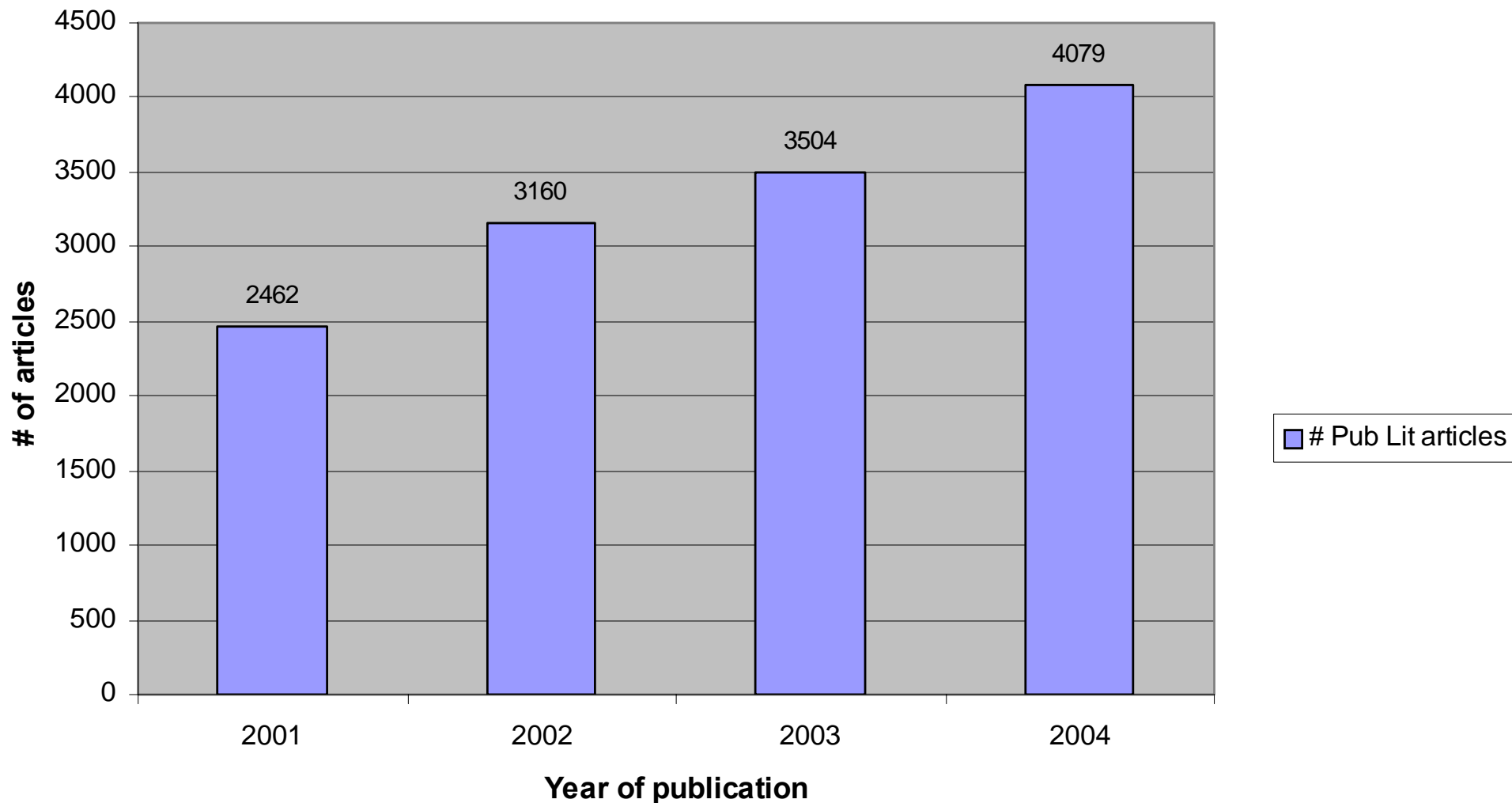
Who Uses GDPIInfo?

Public health professionals are the target audience but there are data and information for researchers, health care providers, and the general public.

<http://www.cdc.gov/genomics>



No. of articles in Huge Published Literature db, 2001-2004*



(*As of Jan 14, 2005. Count excludes review articles, meta & pooled analyses.)

Number of Published HuGE Papers* 2001-2004

• Year	Prevalence	Associations	Interactions
• 2001	308	2141	436
• 2002	349	2799	569
• 2003	323	3010	598
• 2004	368	3486	604

* Data from CDC's GDP Info 1/2005



Search

The GDPInfo query tool allows you to combine your search with a combination of genes, diseases/conditions, topics and other factors.

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Gene Menu

Current Selected Gene(s)

MTHFR

Indicate "And" or "Or"
if more than one gene.

Or

Disease/Conditions: Enter a disease/condition or select an item from the Disease Menu.

Disease(s)

Disease/Condition Menu

Current Selected Disease(s)

Indicate "And" or "Or"
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Or

Environmental or Personal Factors: Enter a Factor or select an item from the Factor Menu.

Factor(s)

Factor Menu

Current Selected Factor(s)

Indicate "And" or "Or"
if more than one factor.

Or

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You have selected one or more choices below.

Gene(s): MTHFR

And

Factor(s):

And

Disease/Condition(s):

Search Result Sort By ☒ Title ☐ Year Published

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	HuGE E-Journal	4
	Fact Sheet	1
	Genotype Prevalence Table	Expand for details
	HuGE Published Literature	602
	HuGE Review	3
	Online Presentation	1
	Other Reports and Publications	6

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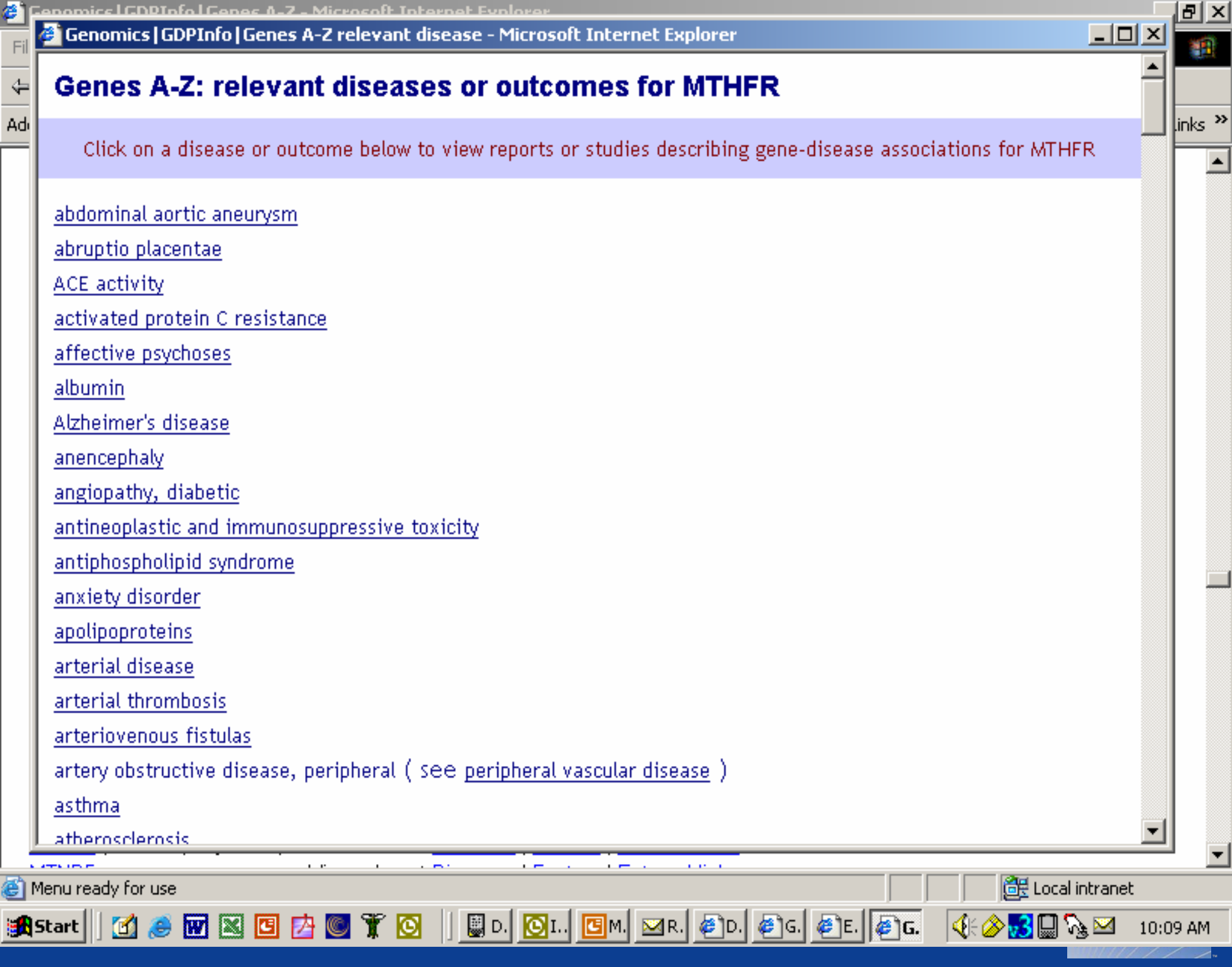
This application is best viewed in Microsoft Internet Explorer 5 or greater or in Netscape 6 or greater.

Gene: MTHFR (5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (NADPH))

Click on a column to sort data

View: ☒ Prevalence (%) ☐ 95% Confidence

Study Location (Reference #)	Gender	Race Or Ethnicity	# Subjects Studied	g.677C>T/g.677C>T	g.677C>T/g.677C	g.677C/g.677C	g.1298A>C/g.1298A>C	g.1298A>C/g.1298
Africa (#41)	NS	African, sub-Saharan	234	0	13.2	86.8	-1	-1
Zaire & Cameroon (#42)	NS	NS	67	0	10.4	89.6	-1	-1
South Africa (#75)	NS	Black	114	-1	-1	-1	4.4	34.2
Asia (#41)	NS	Asian	346	3.5	28.3	68.2	-1	-1
Japan (#45)	M	Japanese	129	10.9	54.3	34.9	-1	-1
Japan (#46)	NS	NS	419	12.2	51.1	36.8	-1	-1
Japan (#47)	M	NS	778	10.2	46.4	43.4	-1	-1
Japan (#48)	M	Japanese	325	10.2	42.8	47.1	-1	-1
Japan (#49)	F	NS	98	11.2	50	38.8	-1	-1
Japan (#50)	NS	NS	260	11.2	51.9	36.9	-1	-1
Japan (#51)	NS	NS	105	18.1	48.6	33.3	-1	-1
Japan (#52)	NS	NS	310	13.5	51	35.5	-1	-1
Japan (#53)	NS	NS	146	11.6	29.5	58.9	-1	-1
Japan (#78)	NS	NS	243	-1	-1	-1	3.7	30.9



Genes A-Z: relevant diseases or outcomes for MTHFR

Click on a disease or outcome below to view reports or studies describing gene-disease associations for MTHFR

[abdominal aortic aneurysm](#)

[abruptio placentae](#)

[ACE activity](#)

[activated protein C resistance](#)

[affective psychoses](#)

[albumin](#)

[Alzheimer's disease](#)

[anencephaly](#)

[angiopathy, diabetic](#)

[antineoplastic and immunosuppressive toxicity](#)

[antiphospholipid syndrome](#)

[anxiety disorder](#)

[apolipoproteins](#)

[arterial disease](#)

[arterial thrombosis](#)

[arteriovenous fistulas](#)

[artery obstructive disease, peripheral \(see \[peripheral vascular disease\]\(#\) \)](#)

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[atherosclerosis](#)

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 **Topic:** Choose a topic category below. View definitions by rolling cursor over check boxes.

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And

Factor(s):

And

Disease/Condition(s): *ALL (Congenital anomalies)

Search Result Sort By ☒ Title ☐ Year Published

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	HuGE Review	1
	Other Reports and Publications	3

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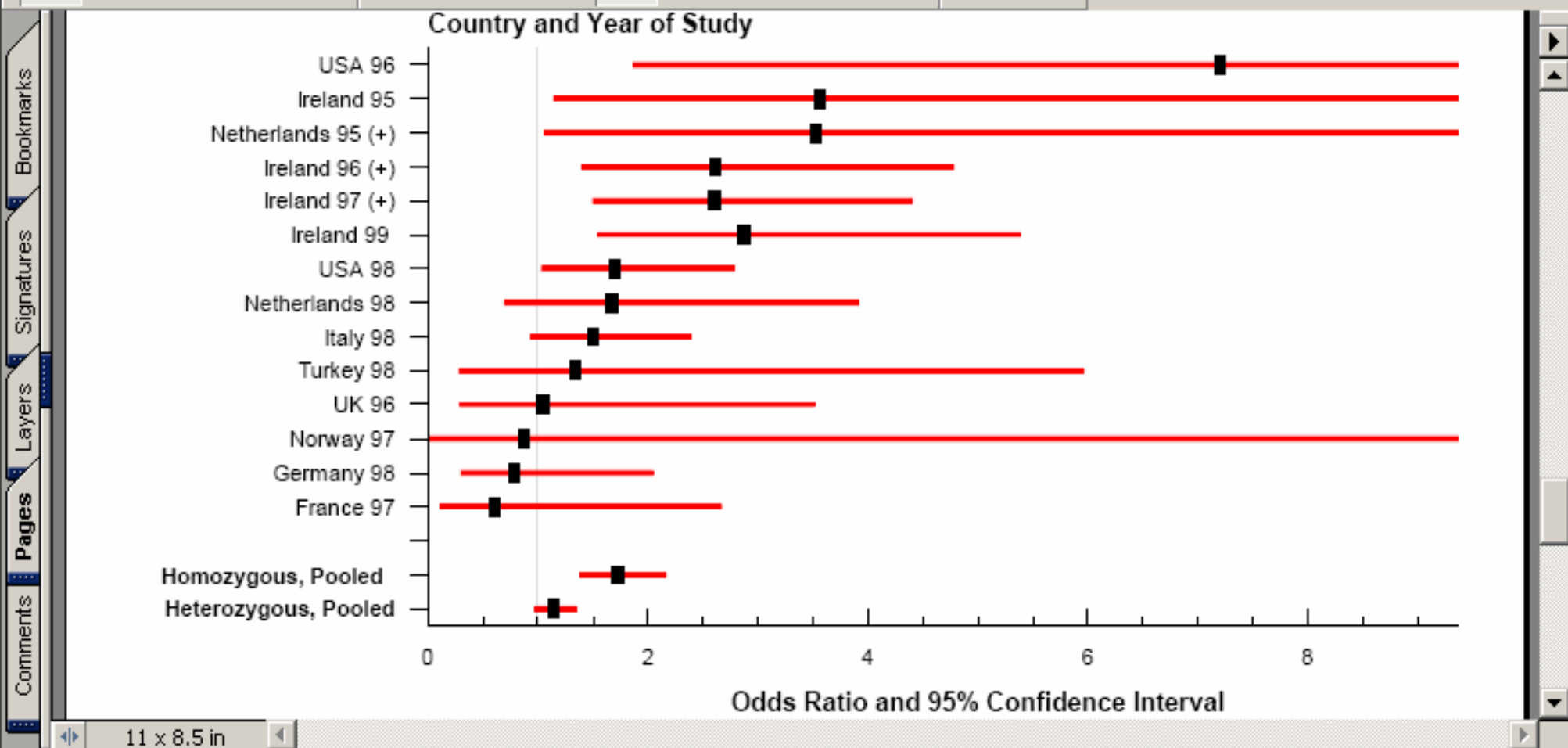
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HuGE Net Next Steps

- Knowledge base development
 - Develop tools for synthesis (“Cochrane” manual)
 - Develop research agenda and Pilot projects
- Enhance collaborations and information Sharing
 - “Network of Networks”
 - **Collaboration with Biobanks**
- Training and technical assistance
- Electronic journal (forum for negative studies)
- Use in public health genetics policy and practice

From HuGE Research to Synthesis & Dissemination for Policy and Practice

